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MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION	
(ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)	

TO: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Trail Acquisition
Atlanta Management Unit – Presque Isle County
Alpena to Mackinaw Trail
Land Transaction Case #20070273

Purchase: 10.65 acres (0.85 linear miles) - \$7,100.00

Description: Presque Isle County, Township of Bismarck, T34N, R04E, Sections 18 and 19; A strip of land, being the former Detroit and Mackinac Railway Company Railroad right-of-way, traversing in a westerly direction beginning on the South Line of the N ½ NE ¼ of Section 19, and continuing over the N ½ NE ¼, the NE ¼ NW ¼, Section 19, the S ½ SW ¼, Section 18 and ending at the West Line of the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 18.

Seller: The Straits Corporation, Bay City, Michigan

Reservations: Trail crossing easement for 3rd party

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994 as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) October 29, 2007 Calendar and is eligible for approval on November 5, 2007.

Comments: The offered 10.65 acres of inactive railroad corridor fills a 0.85-mile gap in DNR ownership on the Alpena to Mackinaw Trail. This trail corridor stretches over 90 miles in length and links Alpena to Mackinaw City, with trail connections to Rogers City, Cheboygan, and Petoskey.

In 1996, when this segment of the Alpena to Mackinaw Trail was purchased, the DNR only acquired a Recreational Trail Easement at this location because of known subsurface contamination. The purchase price was reduced at that time to reflect the purchase of only a partial interest. An agreement was made at that time to allow the DNR to purchase Straits' remaining interest in the segment upon receipt of a "Closure Letter" from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) indicating completion of

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remedial activities. The closure letter from DEQ has now been received. The purchase price was stipulated as part of the agreement to be the amount by which the original value was diminished.

Based on past practice, acquisitions of rail-trail corridors are presented to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) for approval.

- Recommendations:
- (1) That the proposed right-of-way acquisition be approved by the NRC under authority of the Abandoned Railroad Policy (NRC Policy 2626) approved by the Commission at its April 1973 meeting.
 - (2) That the corridor, totaling 10.65 acres, be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Trailways Initiative, as contained in Act 153, Public Acts of 2006.
 - (3) That the lands described above be acquired for use as a Michigan Trailway and designated as such when the legislated requirements are met, pursuant to Part 721 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

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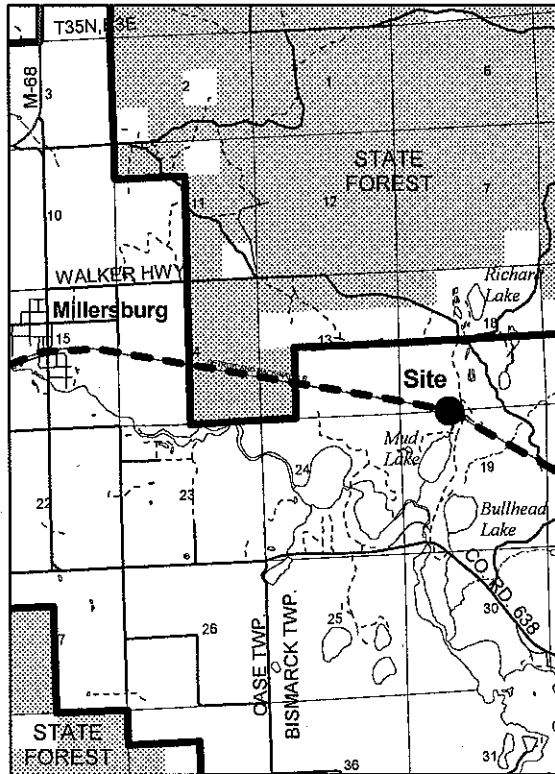
Dennis R. Fedewa
Chief Deputy

I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the NRC has authority.

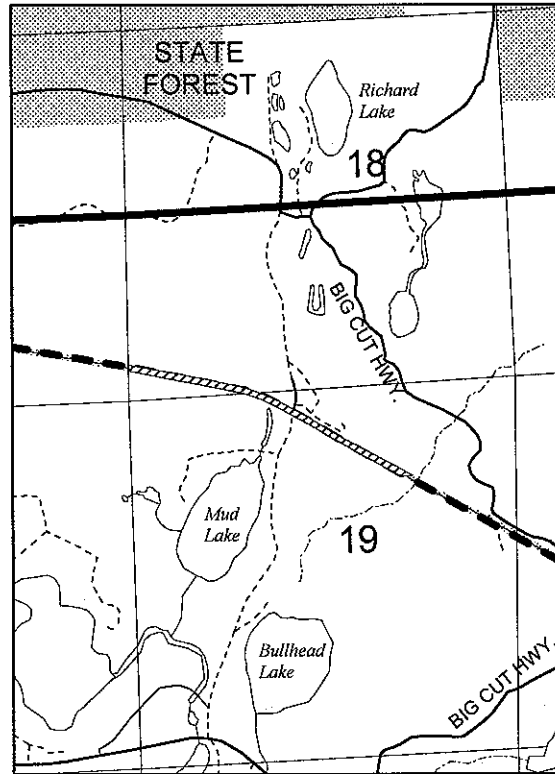
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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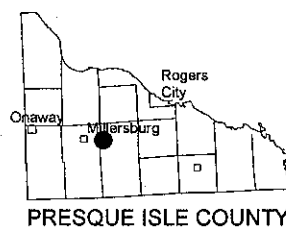


Regional Location



Sections 18 and 19, T34N, R04E
 Bismarck Township

- State Forest Boundary
- - Alpena to Mackinaw Trail
- ▨ Former Railroad Corridor Offered to DNR (10.65 acres)
- ▨ State Land
- Private Land



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